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## QUARTERLY FLAX MARKET REVIEW

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## DOMESTIC UTILIZATION OF FLAXSEED MATERIALLY ABOVE OTHER RECENT YEARS

Domestic usage of flaxseed during the 1940-41 marketing year was the largest in twelve years and reflected the expansion in industrial activity, and sharply increased demand for linseed oil, according to the Federal-State Market News Service. Disappearance amounted to around 38,954,000 bushels, compared with 31,749,000 bushels the previous season, and an average of 27,003,000 bushels during the previous ten-year period. In other recent years disappearance varied materially from a low point of 18,524,000 bushels in 1932-33 to a high of 44,766,000 bushels in 1927-28.

Domestic crushings during the 1940-41 season were placed at 36,640,000 bushels, compared with 30,078,000 bushels in 1939-40, and the previous ten-year average of 25,567,700 bushels. Slightly less than 2,000,000 bushels were used for seed, or about the same as the previous year, but somewhat above the recent average. Despite the increased usage, carry-over stocks at July 1st were relatively heavy and totaled 7,372,000 bushels, against 3,911,000 bushels at the corresponding date last year, and 2,656,400 bushels the previous ten-year average.

Increased domestic usage this season was largely of American seed, supplies of which were unusually heavy. Imports of foreign seed were the smallest since the 1932-33 crop year, and totaled 11,198,000 bushels against 13,212,000 bushels in 1939-40, and 15,884,900 bushels the average for the previous ten years.

Domestic production of linseed oil increased about 22 percent compared with the previous year, and totaled 707,164,000 pounds. This, together with 132,840,000 pounds carried over from the previous year, and imports of 70,000 pounds, points to total supplies of 840,074,000 pounds. Stocks at the close of the year were placed at 150,936,000 pounds, indicating a total disappearance of 689,138,000 pounds, including exports of 5,262,000 pounds, factory consumption of 452,376,000 pounds, and other domestic disappearance of 231,500,000 pounds. This compares with the 1939-40 disappearance of 576,485,000 pounds, which included exports of 4,551,000, factory consumption of 361,401,000, and other domestic disappearance of 210,533,000 pounds.

TABLE 1. FLAXSEED: SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, UNITED STATES

	5-Year Average 1926-27 1930-31	5-Year Average 1931-32 1935-36	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41
Factory stocks, July 1	1,000 Bushels 3,033	1,000 Bushels 1,279	1,000 Bushels 2,484	1,000 Bushels 1,472	1,000 Bushels 1,958	1,000 Bushels 3,148
Market stocks, July 1						
Farm stocks, July 1						
Total carry-over, July 1	4,555	2,436	3,539	2,199	2,296	3,911
United States production	20,084	10,070	7,089	8,152	20,152	31,217
Total supply	24,639	12,506	10,428	10,351	22,448	35,128
Seed requirements	1,787	1,186	588	1,360	1,898	1,883
Domestic commercial supply	22,852	11,320	9,840	8,991	20,550	33,245
Imports, July-September	3,269	3,712	5,325	3,561	3,086	1,312
Supply for quarter	26,121	15,032	15,165	12,552	23,636	34,557
Crushings, July-September	8,472	5,543	7,666	5,043	6,814	6,943
Supplies remaining, October 1	17,649	9,489	7,499	7,509	16,822	27,614
Imports, October-December	4,292	3,453	5,153	4,420	2,179	2,566
Supply for quarter	21,941	12,942	12,652	11,929	19,001	30,180
Crushings, October-December	10,463	6,344	7,754	7,206	8,736	10,083
Supplies remaining, January 1	11,478	6,598	4,898	4,723	10,265	20,097
Imports, January-March	5,127	3,403	4,719	6,391	4,793	3,990
Supply for quarter	16,605	10,001	9,617	11,114	15,058	24,087
Crushings, January-March	9,659	5,552	6,461	7,112	7,892	10,228
Supply remaining, April 1	6,946	4,449	3,156	4,002	7,166	13,859
Imports, April-June	5,971	3,169	2,664	4,372	3,154	3,330
Supply for quarter	12,917	7,618	5,820	8,374	10,320	17,189
Crushings, April-June	8,602	4,828	3,989	6,207	6,637	9,386
Supplies remaining, or unaccounted for, June 30	4,315	2,790	1,831	2,167	3,683	7,803
Split-up stocks, June 30:						
Factory and warehouse	2,731	1,484	1,472	1,958	3,148	3,501
In terminal markets	779	719	552	285	665	2,121
On farms	599	402	175	53	98	1,750
Unaccounted for	206	185	368	129	228	431

Compiled from official data of the Agricultural Marketing Service and the United States Department of Commerce.

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TABLE 2, LINSEED OIL: SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, UNITED STATES

	5-Year Average	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41
	1931-32					
	1935-36					
Factory and warehouse stocks, July 1	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Production, July-September	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Imports, July-September	102,998	140,754	142,462	145,932	130,250	132,840
Total supply for quarter	104,965	91,805	151,278	98,407	134,326	135,389
Exports, July-September	1,201	170	53	16	12	1
Factory consumption, July-September	209,164	232,729	293,793	244,355	264,588	268,230
Other domestic disappearance	240	353	256	395	418	1,119
Total disappearance, July-September	65,627	79,702	93,627	80,702	88,308	101,652
Factory and warehouse stocks, Oct. 1	39,237	53,023	57,005	50,212	63,233	50,324
Production, October-December	105,104	133,078	150,888	131,309	151,959	153,095
Imports, October-December	104,060	99,651	142,905	113,046	112,629	115,135
Total supply for quarter	120,446	131,899	150,432	139,106	166,150	192,185
Exports, October-December	1,085	32	98	16	6	9
Factory consumption, October-December	225,591	231,582	293,435	252,168	273,785	307,329
Other domestic disappearance	217	195	183	113	1,841	1,359
Total disappearance, Oct.-December	57,497	78,102	67,411	72,332	88,287	100,837
Factory and warehouse stocks, Jan. 1	29,030	35,935	34,358	37,920	46,200	51,313
Production, January-March	86,744	114,282	101,952	110,365	136,328	153,509
Imports, January-March	138,847	117,300	191,483	141,803	142,457	153,820
Total supply for quarter	104,158	156,877	125,587	139,209	150,197	196,281
Exports, January-March	242	51	50	12		15
Factory consumption, January-March	243,247	274,228	317,120	281,024	292,654	350,116
Other domestic disappearance	229	278	162	172	1,180	1,347
Total disappearance, January-March	57,112	95,809	63,358	76,511	85,511	106,787
Factory and warehouse stocks, April 1	29,782	40,058	30,481	42,954	32,763	49,132
Production, April-June	87,123	136,145	94,001	119,637	119,454	157,266
Imports, April-June	156,124	138,083	223,119	161,387	173,200	192,850
Total supply for quarter	92,284	206,512	77,513	124,823	128,383	183,309
Exports, April-June	466	200	41	19	1	45
Factory consumption, April-June	248,874	344,795	300,673	286,229	301,584	376,204
Other domestic disappearance	147	270	220	135	1,112	1,437
Total disappearance, April-June	77,090	118,373	82,089	91,869	99,295	143,100
Factory and warehouse stocks, June 30	56,129	83,690	72,432	63,975	68,337	80,731
Imports, April-June	133,366	202,333	154,741	155,979	168,744	223,831
Total disappearance, April-June	115,508	142,462	145,932	130,250	132,840	150,936

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